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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE PURSUANT  
TO 37 CFR §1.116 REQUESTED

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Applicant(s): SHIMOKAWA et al.  
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For: PB-FREE SOLDER-CONNECTED STRUCTURE AND  
ELECTRONIC DEVICE  
Group: 1775  
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

**MS: AFTER FINAL**  
Commissioner For Patents  
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December 22, 2003  
(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed July 21, 2003, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, applicants respectfully submit the following remarks and enclosed Further Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132 of Mr. M. Okamoto, further traversing the rejection of applicants' claims under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,110,608 to Tanimoto, et al.

Remarks are included beginning on the next page.